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Wacky weather



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Mario Sosa, of Staten Island, plays with his children Adam, 2, and Alia, 6, both of Carbondale, Saturday at Attucks Park. Sosa said he brings the kids to parks whenever the weather is nice. "I like to make sure they are outside when it's out," Sosa said. "Especially with the random weather changes."

Peer mentor interviews complete

ELIZABETH ZINCHUK
Daily Egyptian

A university mentor program started last semester has made changes and completed interviews as they prepare to assist a new group of students.

New Student Programs coordinator Phil Campbell, along with some past peer mentors, conducted Saluki Peer Mentors interviews Saturday. Campbell said he had 140 student applicants and saw between 120 and 130 interviewees Saturday. He said 100-130 students will be hired as mentors, and 40 will be designated as New Student Orientation leaders — a change the program made this semester.

The role is crucial to SIU's front-door image, he said.

“They are representing SIU,” Campbell said. “They are one of the first impressions that the institution is providing the students and their families, so we designed our interview process to mimic that whether they work in a team or one-on-one setting.”

Campbell said a student needs at least a 2.5 grade point average, two semesters completed at the university and to be in good standing with the university and law to be a peer mentor.

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Spring enrollment: How the university stacks up

**Southern Illinois
University Carbondale**

Spring 2013: 17,152
Spring 2012: 18,847

The university saw an 84 percent retention rate from last semester, according to a Saluki Times statement, which reflects a 16 percent enrollment decline. Chancellor Rita Cheng said the enrollment numbers line up with university expectations.

"I am very pleased with the results we have achieved even with a very large December graduation, one of the largest in many years," she said. "Change is happening slowly but steadily."

Full-year enrollment projections are established after official fall enrollment count is released, according to the statement, so no budget or staffing adjustments are made for spring.

Illinois State

Spring 2013: 19,199
Spring 2012: 19,880

Illinois State University experienced an enrollment decline this semester, but an ISU official said it was intentional.

Julie Huber, coordinator of enrollment research and analysis, said the university reached its highest spring enrollment in 10 years last year. The decline was part of the university keeping enrollment levels consistent, she said.

"We've just been at a somewhat higher point (in enrollment), and really it's a matter of intentionally leveling off of where we're at and maintaining the enrollment that we have," Huber said.

**Southeastern
Missouri University**

Spring 2013: 10,502
Spring 2012: 10,154

SEMO witnessed an enrollment increase, which is expected each semester, according to university officials.

"As a university we've had 18 years of consecutive growth, so we did expect to see moderate growth this year as well," said Lennel Hahn, director of admissions. "We have been experiencing a 1 to 2 percent increase every year for several years now, and as a university we do strategic planning and follow through with those plans."

**University of Illinois
Urbana-Champaign**

Spring 2013: 40,964
Spring 2012: 40,664

**Western Illinois University
Macomb Campus
and Extension**

Spring 2013: 9,741
Spring 2012: 10,172

****SIU-Edwardsville enrollment numbers were not available by press time Monday.**

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Nebraska group questions firm running nuke plant

JOSH FUNK
 Associated Press

OMAHA — A Nebraska environmental group on Monday questioned the track record of the company hired to run the Fort Calhoun nuclear power plant because of concerns raised by federal regulators.

The Clean Nebraska group said it was troubled by the questions the Nuclear Regulatory Commission had raised about some of the calculations Exelon made for its other nuclear plants. The NRC said last week it was looking into whether Chicago-based Exelon intentionally understated the cost of decommissioning 23 of its nuclear reactors.

Exelon spokesman David Tillman said the company denies intentionally providing incorrect

data and “disputes the findings.” Tillman said the calculations are complicated and Exelon looks forward to meeting with the NRC to discuss the issue.

The Omaha Public Power District signed a 20-year contract with Exelon last year because of its experience and safe track record operating 17 nuclear reactors at 10 different power plants. Fort Calhoun has been idle since 2011.

Clean Nebraska spokesman Mike Ryan, who has called for Fort Calhoun to be permanently shut down, said it's troubling to see these questions raised about the company that was hired to rehabilitate Fort Calhoun.

“It appears that they've been less than honest with the NRC,” Ryan said. “It just kind of makes us concerned about what's going on at

Fort Calhoun.”

The power plant that sits about 20 miles north of Omaha initially shut down for refueling maintenance in April 2011. But flooding along the Missouri River throughout the summer of 2011 and a series of safety violations forced it to stay closed.

The violations include the failure of a key electrical part during a 2010 test, a small electrical fire in June 2011, several security-related violations and deficiencies in flood planning that were discovered a year before the extended flooding.

And OPPD officials are evaluating the structural supports inside the building that houses the reactor because an engineer discovered last spring that some of the supports aren't strong enough to safely support the building under extreme circumstances.

MENTOR

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Different mentorship programs have existed across campus for a long time, he said, but last year was the first year the peer mentors program was started alongside the University College 101 class. The program's changes are based on mentors' experiences during fall UCOL 101 courses, he said.

Campbell said he received approval last year to initiate the program in March. With interviews conducted earlier this year, training will start in the spring and continue into fall before classes, he said.

“I had basically April to do all the recruitment, marketing, outreach, interviewing and hiring with the only time frame to do training in the fall before classes started,” he said.

Campbell said the extra training time will improve the program and help develop mentors as leaders. She said it will also allow the mentors to get to know the instructors they work with through UCOL 101 courses.

The same mentors who work with students during the week of welcome will now be the same mentors in their UCOL classes, he said.

“We are building more communication plans, both prior to students coming to New Student Orientation and after New Student Orientation when they are starting to get to know the mentors earlier,” Campbell said.

Amber Manning, a UCOL 101 instructor, said peer mentors are an essential course element.

“When new students come to orientation, there is a gap between orientation mentors and the peer mentors, so we want to close that gap,” Manning said.

Kyla Williams, a sophomore peer mentor from Chicago studying fashion merchandising, said mentors will help any student who will accept the assistance, but it was harder to help the students who would not attend UCOL 101 classes.

“It benefits them in a way that you can connect with students face-to-face instead of meeting with a professor, which can sometimes be intimidating,” she said.

While Williams said she saw some students progress through the semester, she noticed others were absent from class or not using their available resources given to them toward the end.

“I see the tendency that students don't benefit from the peer mentors in the class, and that's their loss,” Williams said.

Delila Brandon, a sophomore peer mentor and orientation leader from Owensville, Mo., studying zoology, said her experience helped her realize the peer mentor and student orientation program integration's benefits.

“I saw many of the same students at orientation in my UCOL class,” she said. “It was cool to connect with them early on and then continue the relationship through the semester.”

Brandon said establishing a connection early helped the students and her discuss school matters. She said being employed in both organizations helped her build students' trust.

Ashley Stegall, a sophomore peer mentor and orientation leader from Earlville studying university studies, said she sees students become more open and involved when they interact with her through the mentorship program.

“It was really cool to see the students that felt comfortable coming to me with a problem,” she said.

Stegall said students she met at orientation seemed more likely to approach her than others, and she would often go bowling or have coffee with her mentees. She said she valued the experience because she wants to work with incoming freshmen in her future career.

“It was a great way to get my foot through the door and get experience before I go into a future career,” she said.

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Cause of Super Bowl power outage remains unclear

Associated Press

Who turned out the lights?
The day after the 34-minute blackout at the Super Bowl, the exact cause — and who’s to blame — were unclear, though a couple of potential culprits had been ruled out.
It wasn’t Beyonce’s electrifying halftime performance, according to Doug Thornton, manager of the state-owned Superdome, since the singer had her own generator. And it apparently wasn’t a case of too much demand for power. Meters showed the 76,000-seat stadium was drawing no more electricity than it does during a typical New Orleans Saints game, Thornton said.
The lights-out game Sunday proved an embarrassment for the Big

Easy just when it hoped to show the rest of the world how far it has come since Hurricane Katrina in 2005. But many fans and residents were forgiving, and officials expressed confidence that the episode wouldn’t hurt the city’s hopes of hosting the championship again.
To New Orleans’ great relief, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said the city did a “terrific” job hosting its first pro football championship in the post-Katrina era, and added: “I fully expect that we will be back here for Super Bowls.”
Fans watching from their living rooms weren’t deterred, either. An estimated 108.4 million people saw the Baltimore Ravens beat the San Francisco 49ers 34-31, making it

“I hope that what they’ll remember is they had a great time here and that they were welcomed here.”
— Gloria Wallis
French Quarter artist

the third most-viewed program in television history. Both the 2010 and 2011 games hit the 111 million mark.
The problem that caused the outage was believed to have happened around the spot where a line that feeds current from the local power company, Entergy New Orleans, connects with the Superdome’s electrical system, officials said. But whether the fault lay with the utility or with the Superdome was not clear.
Determining the cause will probably take days, according to

Dennis Dawsey, a vice president for distribution and transmission for Entergy. He said the makers of some of the switching gear have been brought in to help figure out what happened.
An attorney for the state board that oversees the Superdome said the blackout did not appear to be related to the replacement in December of electrical equipment connecting the stadium to Entergy. Officials with the utility and the Superdome noted that an NFL game, the Sugar Bowl and another bowl game were

played there in recent weeks with no apparent problems.
The blackout came after a nearly flawless week of activity for football fans in New Orleans leading up to the big game.
“I hope that’s not what they’ll remember about this Super Bowl,” French Quarter artist Gloria Wallis said. “I hope that what they’ll remember is they had a great time here and that they were welcomed here.”
Ravens fan Antonio Prezioso, a Baltimore native who went to the game with his 11-year-old son, said the outage just extended the experience.
“The more time we could spend at the game was a good thing, as long as it ended the way it did,” he said, laughing.

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However, adjustments must be made because the Salukis have shown some promise in spots.
The problem with Hinson’s rotation issues isn’t that he’s not making them, but he hasn’t found one to stick with. Against a much longer Illinois State team, Hinson started an all-guard rotation. The Salukis lost the rebounding battle, were outscored in the post and subsequently lost the game 83-47.

Junior Davante Drinkard is the Salukis’ tallest player on the roster, but he hasn’t seen much play time lately and didn’t play in Wednesday’s game against Drake because of a hip-pointer injury.
The Salukis have to get some type of scoring on the low block if they look to win any of the nine games left in the MVC schedule, and it doesn’t even have to come from the team’s big men.

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SOFTBALL

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34 RBIs. Last season she was also second-team all conference, made the MVC all-tournament team and was on the MVC scholar-athlete first-team.
Spivey said she expects to be more mature on the softball field this year, which is something she has already seen from teammates.
“Our pitchers are more mature now and our infield and everything,” she said. “I think that will help us come together as a team and get us through some tough situations.”
Senior pitcher Brittney Lang made 21 starts and went 11-7 with three saves last season. Lang posted a 3.77 ERA and threw nine complete games in 124.1 innings.
Lang said the team’s first opponents will bring a strong

challenge, but her main concern is how her team competes.
“As long as we don’t beat ourselves, I think we have a chance,” Lang said.
Both Spivey and Lang said the difference between this year’s team and past teams they’ve played on is the comfort level this year’s team has already exuded.
The two agreed this year’s team seems more relaxed, which is something Blaylock said she has also noticed with this year’s team.
“The thing that has been good about this team is that they’re a little bit looser,” Blaylock said. “They’re having some fun, and they have a little bit of character.”
The Salukis open their 2013 season Friday in Clermont, Fla. at the Dot Richardson Invitational.

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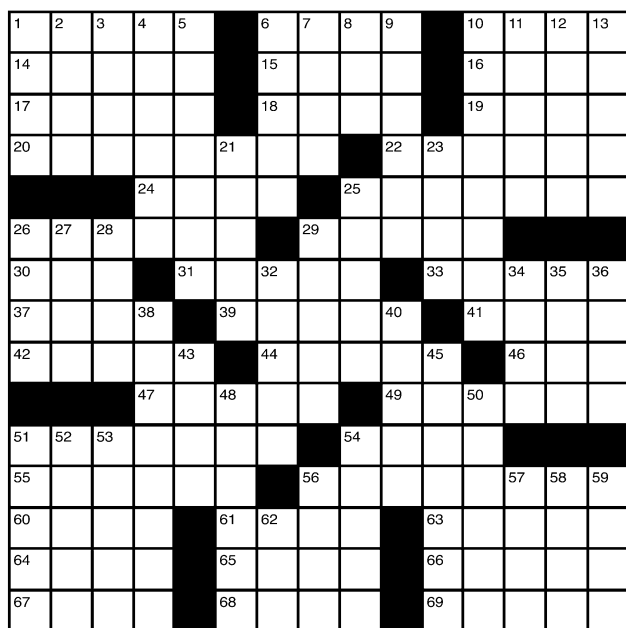
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ACROSS

- 1 Curtain
- 6 Slightly open
- 10 Lacking vivid color
- 14 Become ready to be picked
- 15 Rider's fee
- 16 Word of agreement
- 17 Skilled
- 18 Genealogist's drawing
- 19 Highway
- 20 Retiring hours
- 22 Baffle
- 24 Cake decorator
- 25 Placed a blanket over
- 26 Strong-armed
- 29 Huron & Tahoe
- 30 Get older
- 31 Evans and Robertson
- 33 Low point
- 37 Applaud
- 39 Beer
- 41 Unclothed
- 42 Lukewarm
- 44 One-___; unilateral
- 46 Ancient
- 47 Morning bread, often
- 49 Comes up
- 51 Mexican state in which Guadalajara is located
- 54 Kermit the ___
- 55 Magical charm
- 56 Deep-toned & reverberating
- 60 Chianti or port
- 61 Notion
- 63 FDR's affliction
- 64 Breakfast order
- 65 Close by
- 66 Vertical; upright
- 67 Fawn bearers
- 68 Becomes firm
- 69 Office furniture

DOWN

- 1 Dull-colored
- 2 Carnival attraction
- 3 Mimicked



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Thursday's Puzzle Solved

- 4 ___ ulcer; stomach woe
- 5 Lured
- 6 Run ___; chase
- 7 Jolts
- 8 "You ___ My Sunshine"
- 9 Athletic shoe brand
- 10 Cheese often sold grated
- 11 Love in Paris
- 12 Agreement with a landlord
- 13 Concluded
- 21 Olympics prize
- 23 ___ though; albeit
- 25 Boxed up
- 26 As a matter of ___; actually
- 27 Make eyes at
- 28 Harvest
- 29 Lawful
- 32 Cowboy's rope
- 34 Singing pairs
- 35 Doing nothing
- 36 Cincinnati team
- 38 Cruel



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- 40 Brings up, as children
- 43 Medicinal amount
- 45 Sagged
- 48 Performing
- 50 Pay no attention to
- 51 Chattered
- 52 Friend south of the border
- 53 Dive forward
- 54 Apprehensions
- 56 Authentic
- 57 Saloon drinks
- 58 Actor ___ Nolte
- 59 Preschoolers
- 62 Poor grade

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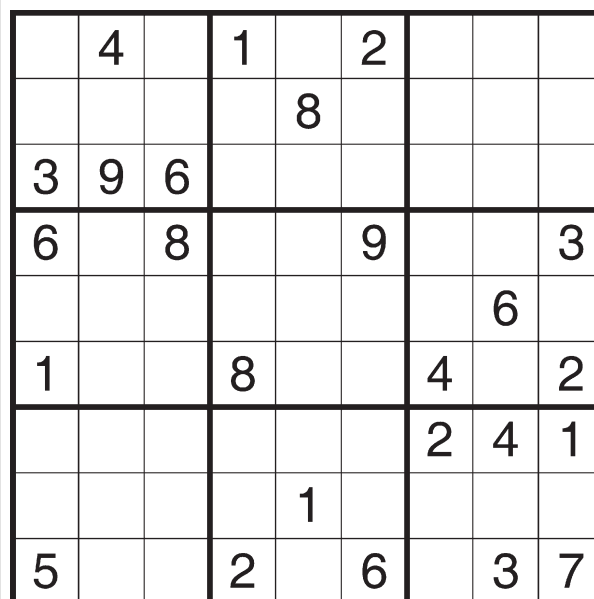
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5	2	3	4	6	7	8	9	1
6	1	7	9	3	8	4	5	2
7	5	6	8	1	2	3	4	9
9	3	1	6	5	4	2	7	8
2	4	8	7	9	3	6	1	5
4	7	5	2	8	1	9	3	6
1	8	9	3	4	6	5	2	7
3	6	2	5	7	9	1	8	4

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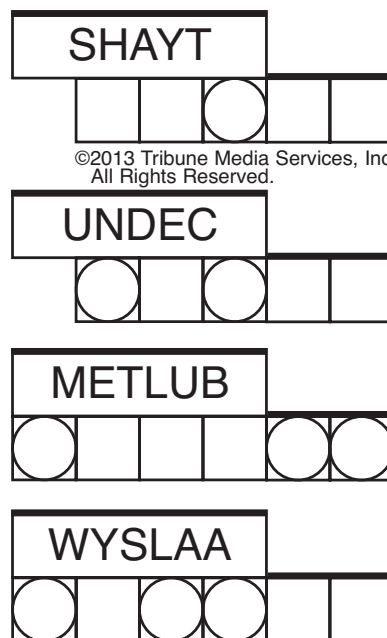
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Gemini — Today is an 8 — Intuition inspires your work. Check out new career options. Don't overlook anybody to avoid jealousies. Join a good team. Travel's good, too.

Cancer — Today is an 8 — Allow others independence, as you free your own imagination. Your thoughts wander a lot these days. You may choose different tactics than planned. Take advantage of the moment.

Leo — Today is an 8 — Maintain your finances with savings. A task that strengthens your home strengthens you. Evaluate resources. You can borrow or barter for what's needed.

Virgo — Today is an 8 — Go with a creative leader. Your partner has a lot to say. Don't believe everything you learn ... they're just "guidelines." Offer encouragement. Controversy arises.

Libra — Today is a 9 — Shop very carefully now. Develop necessary processes before proceeding with projects. Listening works well over the next month. Increase your family's comfort by clearing clutter.

Scorpio — Today is a 9 — Don't behave as if you're made of money, even if you are. For about three weeks, you really understand people. Conscious and subconscious alignment occurs. Listen to intuition.

Sagittarius — Today is a 9 — You can afford it; set your sights high. You'll have a strong nesting instinct; clean, sort and organize. Discuss core goals with family members.

Capricorn — Today is a 7 — Friends and lovers may compete for attention. Look at it from another perspective. Your curiosity is aroused. Surprise each other. Plan, and provide motivation. You're advancing naturally.

Aquarius — Today is an 8 — Do the job yourself, or make more money doing something else and hire somebody. Just get it done. Find what you need nearby. You have what others want. Minimize distraction.

Pisces — Today is a 9 — You're exceptionally perceptive for the next few weeks. You inspire others, and they tell you so. Speak out, and voice your point of view. Love flows abundantly. Send invoices.

SOFT BALL

Salukis face unfinished business

TERRANCE PEACOCK
Daily Egyptian

Despite a disappointing Missouri Valley Conference championship game loss last season, the Salukis were picked as co-favorites to win the 2013 Missouri Valley Conference Championship in the MVC Preseason Coaches Poll. SIU finished last season with a 36-20 record but were no match against Illinois State, who hit three three-run home runs in the championship's first three innings to beat the Salukis 13-3.

This season, however, SIU is tied with Illinois State for the top spot in the conference with two first-place votes each and 85 points overall. Northern Iowa received 82 points to get a third-place ranking. Creighton notched three first-place votes and 80 points overall for fourth, and Drake's 62 points overall rounds out the top five in a close vote among the teams. Coach Kerri Blaylock said she agrees the conference's top teams are all evenly matched, which made it hard for her to place her vote. "Every team has its strengths," Blaylock said.

Although it's an honor for the coaches to consider the Salukis as a top team in the conference, Blaylock said, she only cares that they're on top by the end of the season.

"I feel like a preseason poll is just that – a poll," she said. "I don't want to be in first place at the beginning of the season, I want to be in first at the end."

Blaylock said every time the Salukis take the field it's to win a conference championship and play



TIFFANY BLANCHETTE | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Freshman utility Caylee Cook catches Friday during practice at Sports Blast as senior pitcher Brittney Lang bats and junior infielder Kelsea Ashton is on deck. After a final record last season of 36-20 and taking second in the Missouri Valley Conference after losing the championship game to Illinois State, the Salukis share the top spot in a preseason coaches poll with rival Redbirds. SIU travels Friday to Clermont, Fla. for the Dot Richardson Invitational to kick off its season.

in the NCAA tournament.

"Things may happen, things may get in the way, but we want to try to get to the NCAA tournament," she said. "That's what you play for. We're going to take it day by day, but that's what we

want to do.

SIU returns seven position starters and three pitchers from last year's team, as well as four players who were named to the preseason all-conference team. Junior first baseman Taylor Orsburn,

junior second baseman Jayna Spivey, junior catcher Allie VadeBoncouer and senior outfielder Morgan Barchan made the all-conference list.

This tied SIU with Creighton for the most players from one school to be voted

for preseason all-conference.

Spivey started all 56 Salukis games at second base, posted a .272 batting average and was second on the team with

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Salukis thin out front court presence



The SIU men's basketball team is last place in the Missouri Valley Conference, but most of the team's problems stem from its lack of size and length. Coach Barry Hinson has changed his lineup several times this season but has yet to find the most consistent unit. Sophomore forward Dantiel Daniels scored 23 points in a Dec. 20 loss against UC Davis, but the Salukis' top big man has been quiet statistically since conference play has begun. Daniels has scored more than 10 points only once in the last five games, and he averages

8.6 points per game this season. The sophomore's 3.11 rebounding average has severely dipped from last season's 4.89. Although injuries have afflicted the post forward, MVC teams appear to have a better strategy for guarding him. Hinson said Daniels hasn't been very explosive and athletic this year. "I'll say this in his defense, I think the majority of it goes back to the injuries. He just has no explosiveness whatsoever. With the groin and the ankle, he just can't explode," Hinson said. "He's had three shots blocked here recently where the guys blocked him and they didn't jump in the air, so you know there's something going on. When you get your shot blocked and you don't jump in the air, and you're the only big guy that we've got, then obviously that causes you some problems." Daniels' struggles have affected the team's offense. The lack of post scoring allows teams to crowd the perimeter and defend jump shooters



SARAH GARDNER | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Head coach Barry Hinson protests a call and is restrained by assistant coach Anthony Beane Saturday during the Salukis' loss to Illinois State University. Game officials called two technical fouls on Hinson and he was ejected from the game. In his post-game interview Hinson began "Well,that's a first." He said he deserved the call, but would not apologize for his actions. "I deserved it, but I will not apologize for that...I'm not going to let someone take advantage of our kids like that."

better. Despite efforts to pass Daniels the ball early, the Salukis haven't been able to run plays to

get attempts closer to the basket. SIU (8-12, 1-9 MVC) shoots just 30 percent from the 3-point line,

and teams have been wise enough to force the Salukis into long-range shot attempts. Without size in the front court, the team hasn't been able to score high percentage second-chance points. Although the Salukis miss Daniels' scoring, Hinson said, the team really needs him to grab boards. "The biggest stat that I'm concerned about, along with the inability for us to score inside, is right now he's gotta get rebounds," he said. Hinson has searched for answers to his team's post deficiencies. The first-year SIU coach has changed his defensive strategy, half-time pep talks, practice routines and in-game rotation all in an attempt to gain the team's elusive ninth win. Coaches who have to resort to lineup changes multiple times in a season usually don't win a lot of games, and this holds true for Hinson.

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